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Darby Community Public Library

Annual Report

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

The 2005 Montana Library of the Year

Mission Statement:

The focus of the Darby Community Public Library is to provide programs and activities that recognize the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the Southern Bitterroot Valley

Policy:

The Darby Community Public Library endeavors to update and retain a wide collection of materials for free public use and public access computers. Day to day hours vary in accordance with the needs of the community. The Community Meeting Room is available upon request when the library is closed. To determine when the Library is open, please call 821-4771.

Financial Statement:

The Darby Community Public Library is financed by revenue received from a mill levy assessed to the Darby Community Library District. We also receive about \$2,250.00 from Ravalli County and about \$600.00 from the State. This revenue is used for salaries, utilities, purchasing books and supplies and other operating expenses. The remainder of our income is garnered from donations, fundraisers and grants. The Friends of the Darby Library have established an endowment fund to help meet future financial needs. A complete accounting of the finances is available at City Hall. The budget is available at the Library.

The library is staffed by a salaried Library Director, Library Assistants, a Computer Technician, a Custodian and numerous volunteers.

About Our Building:

On September 23, 2004 we held the grand opening of the new Darby Community Public Library. The new 5000 square foot library is a national demonstration building featuring round wood construction. It is as energy efficient and maintenance free as possible. It was selected from libraries through out the US and Canada to be featured in the national publication, *The Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love*. To view the library goes to our website: www.darbylibrary.net.

2007-2008

- ✓ 15,390 visitors
- ✓ 6,152 items circulated
- ✓ 3,182 conference room users
- ✓ 5,443 computer users

Some of the Services Provided:

- 📖 Free Public Access Computers and Internet Access
- 📖 Public Access to Color and Black and White Laser Printers
- 📖 Availability of Numerous Software Programs
- 📖 Public Access to Fax, Copier, Laminator and Electric Typewriter
- 📖 Instructions to Patrons on Computer Use
- 📖 Public Access to VHS Player and Media Screen
- 📖 Job Placement Information in Cooperation with the Job Service
- 📖 Renewal of Materials Via Telephone
- 📖 Free "Shut In" Pickup and Delivery Service
- 📖 Inter Library Loan
- 📖 Large Print Books
- 📖 Bitter Root Humane Society Adopt-a-Pet Screening
- 📖 Visitor and Tourist Information
- 📖 Human Resource Council Database Kiosk
- 📖 Public Meeting Room
- 📖 Extensive Collection of Montana Books and Montana Authors
- 📖 Children's Room and Programs
- 📖 Talking Books Enrollment Forms
- 📖 On Line Searchable Catalog
- 📖 Summer Reading Program
- 📖 Ongoing Art Exhibits and Displays
- 📖 Free Montana Radio Reading Services for the Visually Impaired
- 📖 Adult Education Classes
- 📖 Child Oriented Software

2007-2008 Accomplishments:

Hired two Library Assistants

Increased the number of periodical subscriptions

Continued assisting the Friends of the Darby Library to raise funds for the Endowment Fund to meet future needs

Hosted several local artists exhibits and other displays

Sponsored the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Maintained a used book store

Finished Cataloging our collection for our online access catalog.

Continued researching and writing "Darby Diaries."

Reelected Lowell Baltz for a second term on the Library Board of Trustees.

Donated the meeting room as a space for Adult Education.

Sponsored reading discussion groups in partnership with the Montana Committee for the Humanities

Finished establishing the Montana Shared Catalog services to allow:
 On line access to the library's collection at the library and remotely
 Automation of cataloging and circulation functions
 Allow patrons to initiate holds and other requests electronically

Completed landscaping of the grounds

Hosted an appreciation function for all the volunteers.

Increased the number of open hours.

Hosted a discussion for "One Book Montana"

Held an American Flag Raising ceremony in the Darby City Park

GOALS FOR 2008-2009:

Increase the amount of revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Establish Young Adult and Adult Programs

Enlarge the library collections with emphasis on the interests of the patrons.

Continue the tradition of programs of interest to the community.

Continue to raise funds to improve Library services.

Continue the tradition of a Community Christmas Tree.

Continue co hosting the preschool reading program, "Tot Time"

Increase the number of hours the library is open.

Publish "Darby Diaries."

BEYOND 2009:

Continue the fundraising efforts to fund additional library services.

Increase the number of hours the library is open.

Increase the number of volunteers to work in the library.

Increase the number of services the library will offer to the community.

Increase the number of community programs

Continue the tradition of a Community Christmas Tree.

Continue building the revenue in the Endowment Fund.

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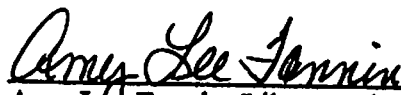
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